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Bridget Dergen before the coroner's inquest at New Market, N. J.

UNPARALLELED FEMALE BARBARISM.

A PHYSICIAN'S WIFE MURDERED BY AN
IRISH SERVANT GIRL.

Twenty-three Stabs Inflicted on the
Victim.

THE HOUSE FIRED TO HIDE THE FELONY.

FEARFUL NEIGHBORHOOD EXCITEMENT.

The Corpse Discovered.

Terrible Conclusiveness of the Evidence
against the Murderess.

A Mob Threatens to tear Her in Pice-
real.

Distressing Agency of the Bereaved
Husband.

WHISPERING CONFERENCES OF THE
PEOPLE.

Spasmodic Efforts of the Servant to
Conceal her Crime.

Her Committal in full for Trial.

Her Transfer to the County Jail.

PERSONAL INCIDENTS OF ALL THE PARTIES.

It becomes our duty in this number of the NATIONAL POLICE GAZETTE, to record one of the most shocking and barbarous murders that was ever brought to our attention. The felony was committed on Monday night of last week, at Newmarket, N. J., a little town situated on the New Jersey Central Railroad, and about seven miles from Elizabeth, and the victim was Mrs. Mary Ellen Coriell, wife of Dr. William Wallace Coriell, a practicing physician at Newmarket. The infernal perpetrator was a servant girl in the family of Dr. Coriell, named Bridget Dergen.



Bridget Dergen the Murderess of Mrs. Coriell.

managing her fearfully, inflicting no less than twenty-three stabs, among others severing and tearing out the jugular vein, which of itself must have been called upon for many a weary day to



Mrs. Coriell was discovered by Rev. Mr. Little, after her murder by Bridget Dergen, at New Market, N. J.

mated by revenge, for Mrs. Coriell was a woman of rare refinement and gentle character, universally esteemed and beloved by all her neighbors, and in no way calculated to excite anything like malice in the breast of those with whom she came in contact. On the contrary, she was constituted to win love and gratitude from all who knew her. She was not in the least degree suspected to have done anything to provoke the wrath of the nameless murderess. The circumstance appears, which may possibly be the germ out of which the blood-drenched deed

on the expiration of her month, which was on the 22d of February last. But in the meantime Bridget committed the murder on Mrs. Coriell that she was taken sick, and continued sick on the 22d of February, when the murder was committed, and Mrs. Coriell barbarously slaughtered as hereafter outlined.



Discovery of the Body of Thomas V. Scott at Bedford and Seventh Street, Philadelphia.

February, whereupon she was told to remain till she and told his wife not to let her go until her health got well. She did so remain, but on the Sunday she was completely restored. On the Monday immediately following, after the murder was committed, the



The Regulators Holding Court near Danville, Ky.

who availed herself of the absence of Dr. Coriell late at night, attending upon a patient a few miles distant when, armed with a heavy carving knife, from a motive yet involved in mystery, the servant girl made an onslaught upon Mrs. Coriell,

have caused death very speedily. Beside the stabbings and knife-manglings, the murderess used her teeth in the work of death, the distinct imprint of four of which was found upon Mrs. Coriell's right cheek, which was largely swollen and inflamed when

record. There is no satisfactory motive yet visible that can account for its perpetration. Theft or robbery does not appear to have been the object, as no money or valuables were taken. It is known that the murderess servant could have been and

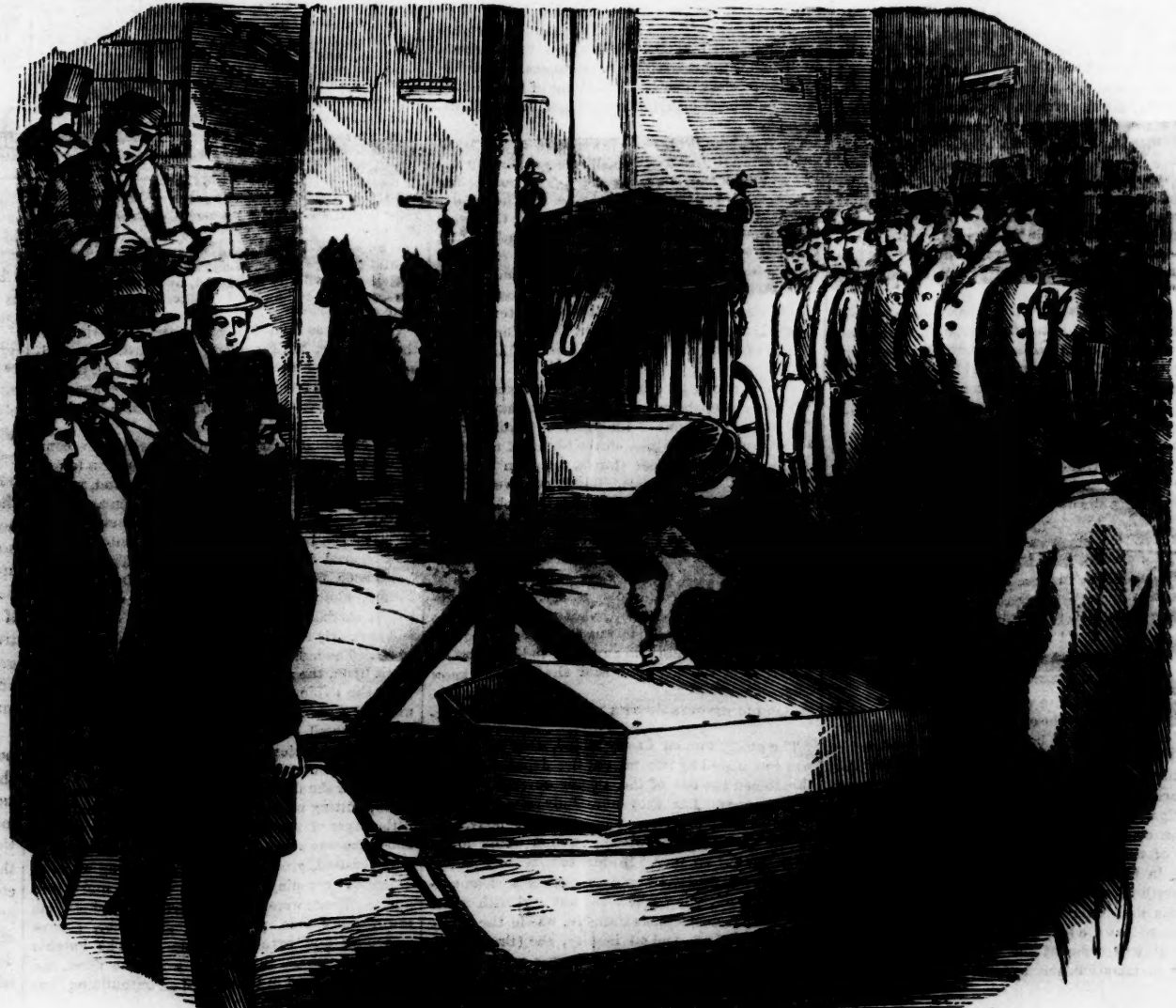
little time before the deed was committed, Mrs. Coriell concluded that Bridget could be of no further use to her. She had, in fact, become dissatisfied with the servant, and wished her to leave the same time telling her that she would have to leave



Mrs. Muller, in Male Attire, Whipping her Husband's Mistress, at Newark, N. J.



Wagner, as he appeared previous to the execution.



The Execution of Wagner, the Wife Murderer, at the Tombs, N. Y.

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A SCENE.

After the witness had given his testimony, Doyle and Hunt were brought in, and Bridget pointed them out as the men who had done the murder. They brought several witnesses, who proved satisfactory

she probably received her worst wounds, as nearly all the blood was on the bedding. But considered dead, the bed was ignited by one of the kerosene lamps, and pieces of which were scattered about the room, while the child still lay in the cradle. Afterwards, God's good Providence so overruled this feminine tend, that the child was rescued from the flames, and the poor dying mother was allowed to look on the light of day. The bedroom doors were closed, and the body of Mrs. Coriell probed, and the blood was washed away, and staining the carpet beneath the windows, and staining the carpet upon the shutters, left exhausted upon the floor, where Mrs. Little found her, with her garments all torn, but a very little. It affords some consolation to know that the mother was able to bear testimony to the exalted worth and amiable character of the murdered lady. Her refined sensibilities, her womanly graces, Christian virtue, and devotedness to the various duties of a wife, mother, daughter, Christian and friend, endeared her to all who knew her. Her death was a great loss to the church, and to the friends of a good cause, should thrust her for her blood.

By the community, pays cheerfully and abundantly all for the safe keeping and proper treatment of the convicts under the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections; and to those gentlemen the community looks for an exact fulfilment of the highly important trust confided in them. We are glad to learn that the Commissioners have been aroused to a sense of what is due to the public in regard to the carrying out of the above mentioned, and propose to hold an investigation with a view to inaugurate certain much-needed reforms. Blackwell's Island is a European stable sore in need of cleaning. We trust the Commissioners will effect that great work speedily, and so avoid the necessity of an appeal to the Legislature to appoint an investigating committee composed of earnest, determined men, who will probe these ulcers to their extent, and, if need be, apply the caustic with an unhesitating hand. In the meantime, however, we

to the stage, the "Merchant of Venice" still being the choice, and Mr. Barney Williams drawing crowds to witness the play, which the "Herald" has pronounced to be "the best of the season." The popularity we suppose grows along as the old stock still continue to bring in a flow of money, notwithstanding the fact that the theatre, though there is ample room for it.

It is a pleasure to see the "Herald" continue to perform with the greatest success and before a record crowd, *La Fanciulla del Teatrino*, by Victor Sardou, the original of the "Fast Family," which so well and successfully represented the American people. The first act is wholly omitted at the theatre, however useful it may be to the perfect understanding of the piece, and also many other things, usually interesting and valuable.

French version is more complete. M. Scribner's translation has been fully up to M. Plater in the

"molls" don't appear to have troubled their consciences in a similar degree. Two of them were seen on Eighth street the other day, by Detective Brown, who, by the way, has a penchant that they were on the edge of a crowd of females were admiring some elegant poplin dress pattern shop which was displaying its wares. The spirit moved them to go in the opposite direction and the detective followed them up. When he saw the girls' attire, he grew angry at once, and, as he went on, he called out "Gentlemen," and they reluctantly accompanied him down to the police station. There, after being identified by Martha Molloy, the other Mary Clunch, the man of the professional John Church, now in the city, he attempted to arrest them. But he waited for twenty days, under the professional law, and Mary was held to bail to keep the

brought several witnesses, who proved satisfactory alibis for them. The servant girl then said, that she was acquainted with a girl named Anne Linnen, who had perpetrated the deed, she being present when Anne took the butcher's knife, and went into the

staying room where Mrs. Coriell was lying asleep, remarking, "An American woman's life ain't worth anything anyhow." She also swore that Anne had proposed robbing the house, and that she herself had not done anything to prevent her, from doing whatever she had a mind to. The woman thus accused was put on the stand, when her employers and

others showed clearly, that she was at home the night the murder was committed. Seeing herself thus baffled in her determined efforts to fix the crime upon somebody, Bridget sprang up, upsetting the chair behind her, in the desperate energy of her spring from it, and, striking the table with her fist, cried out, "Who'd dare swear I did the murder?"

You've all questioned me, and think I did it. What else do you want to know? I know who did it, but I won't tell you."

The bereaved

DR. CORRELL

was then briefly examined. He said: "My wife notified Bridget some time ago that she did not want her

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any more, and that when her month was up, on the 22d, she would have to leave; Bridget did not seem to like the change, and talked about it to me, and my wife, and then told me that the girl was sick, and the consequence of the fact, she said, to remain until she got well; on Sunday last she told my wife she was going to N. Y. York, but told my wife not to let her go until she was completely re-established in health, and to wait until Monday, when she heard the wholesale dealers should apply.

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Several other witnesses were then examined, one of whom testified that he had seen Bridget changing her clothes, shortly after the murder, in the yard.

THE VERDICT.

The jury then retired, and after a deliberation of a quarter of an hour, returned the following verdict:

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NEW YORK, MONDAY 9. 1867.

Our PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS.—When the man

The jury holding an inquest on the body of John Cornell, said that, in their opinion the said Mr. Cornell was wilfully murdered, by wounds inflicted by a knife in the hands of Bridget Dergen and possible accessories."

The girl was then fully committed for trial, and the constable, Mr. Fieawarthy, immediately proceeded to the work of the day.

The officers in charge of the accused, were compelled to act with rare prudence and caution to protect her from the vengeance of the mob, and womanly sympathy was shown by the police.

The detailed disclosure of this horrible butchery, was fearful beyond description.

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though she was, such was the indignation awakened by the unparalleled outrage, had they been able to lay hands on her, the gallows would doubtless have been spared its anticipated victim. There would have been nothing left of Bridget Dergen. But luckily, she was quietly passed on her way to jail in close carriage, though that carriage was wretchedly small, and she was not allowed to see her friends.

and seriously threatened at several points along the route. The more the dreadful circumstances were dwelt upon, the more aggravating did the case look, while the evidence pointed with crushing force towards the accused Irish servant. Mrs. Coriell was bound covered over, not only with stabs, but with kicks, bruises, bites and scratches. Her left arm was

was laid open with two horrible gashes, while her back and shoulder bore the marks of the assassin's teeth, cutting nearly to the bone. The thumb and the finger of the right hand were nearly cut off, and there was also a deep gash in the middle of the hand, caused, probably, by the struggling woman's defensive grasping the blade of the assassin's

nife. There were, besides, three distinct stabs in the victim's side, presenting, altogether, a most shocking and revolting spectacle. The butcher work with which the fearful work was done, and afterwards found in the vault of an outbuilding, was

CHŒS DRAMATIQUE.

The inauguration of the Academy of Music, on Friday last, though a grand *bel saquis*, or, as the

in the greatest excess, a "*bel et opere*," was one of the truest successes of the kind that we have witnessed for years. It is seldom in the city of New York that three thousands of people can be congregated in a place of public amusement, when their admissions depend on the mere purchase of a ticket, and at the expert and practised eye cannot detect

one or more bask sheep in the flock; yet there is none in that vast throng that we could discover. Hence we use the word "sheep" we desire it to be understood in the feminine gender. Blacklegs (but a few) were there, but it is gratifying to state that they were all *artists* of the highest grade, if that can be considered as *truly* elevating them above

her brothers who move in leather orbits and shine
like dazzling lustre. The company was very
respect indeed; the ladies in magnificent toilettes
at cost fabulous sums of money, and the gentle-
men in evening dress of the most tasteful charac-
ter. These features were not fully perceptible until
about twelve o'clock, when all were required to be
seated.

...and, and then the beauty and high character
the great through become apparent. There were
hundreds of celebrities present, among whom may
be named His Honor the Mayor, whom we mention
in the simple fact that he is our highest local
official.

To name the hundreds of people who are cele-
brity, and of course talking live on the radio to one
Miss Thompson. How many more he had in his
eye is not known. Well, the intimacy between Wil-
son and Miss Yahn was continued through the
early part of 1936, and the result was that the lady
got to be in a situation very agreeable sometimes
to her romantic anomaly. Every day the celebrities
were present.

ated, including sculptors, historians, painters, and army officers, judges, lawyers, actors, and physicians (all of exalted rank) who were to fill all the space that we have devoted to the amusements of the day; and if we could recognize all the beautiful women who were to grace either by their facial charms, or by their stately and graceful forms, the

those of figure, or by their grace and volup-
tuousness, we should ask for one side of our paper
could fill the whole with their names set in agate
set solid at that. Without doubt there were
three millions of dollars glittering there in
diamonds and other precious stones: for the house
nearly sparkled with costly jewels which were

extensively worn by both sexes than we have before seen displayed in an assemblage of the same number of people. The two bands were numerous and under fine control and the selections of songs, promenade and dancing, worthy of all praise and respect, and the dancing itself spirited from first to last. Generally on such an occasion and at

time during the evening, something occurs to things disagreeable; but on Friday evening something happened that interfered at all with the source of the company.

They have already steeled the names of Marotack's for the coming season, and enumerated the names in which they are to appear, and hence no

The jury, however, convicted of no sin and no bastardy. A motion for a new trial was made, and the Court refused to grant it. The bill was sent before the Grand Jury charging felonies and bastardy. Of this offence the jury convicted William, but he attempted to prove an alibi by several witnesses. Two persons swore that during the entire month of February, when, according to Miss Yahn, the baby was begotten, he was every evening at their house.

and in view of this magnificent structure, I can assure all of you that the cost of the case will be less than the cost of the first trial. To attempt to give a proper description of this house, would take up too much space, and I am sure you would not want to read it. I am sure you will be able to see it for yourself, and I am sure you will be able to see it for yourself, and I am sure you will be able to see it for yourself.

The first opera will be "Barber of Seville," to be given on the 7th March (Thursday); on Friday night "Fra Diavolo," and at the outset on Saturday, the 9th, "La Traviata," will be sung.

was made from political considerations alone. Mainly it was not due to any ability as a detective on by Mr. Lamon, unless the Mayor is in the position of matters not yet known to the public. A deal has from time to time been published

the detective department, and the Mayor have heard of the charges as the people have. He was looked to, in making the selection of a place there one who would make such reforms as were deemed to be necessary. As one of the detectives, in the office for years, and a part of the new chief, we'll say that no reforms

needed; that the force is all it should be; that there is no better in the United States; that though the law may elapse between the arrest of one professional thief and another, and the rogues we heard of in the cars and off the cars, at the depots and in the ticket offices of the theatres, and concert halls, the force is nevertheless all that it should be. There is not a professional thief in Philadelphia who is not a member of the force, and those

will not say the same thing, I fear, as you have not been arrested during the last year. I will swear to it, by the "beard of St. Anthony." But we, the people, will see what shall see. Mr. Lamson should be tried, nevertheless. He is entitled to that before condemnation. He shall be the very first to acknowledge his fit position, the moment I discover such antagonism to thieves as satisfies me of the necessity of order all over the country.

A BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.
The increase of crime in Philadelphia has had the effect of filling the County Prison to its utmost capacity, and it is feared that it will soon be so crammed that it will be unable to receive any more prisoners. It is a sad state of affairs, and one which should be remedied. The State should take steps to prevent crime, and to punish the offenders. The public should be educated to the fact that crime is a bad thing, and that it should be avoided. The State should also take steps to improve the lives of the poor, and to provide them with the means of making a living. Only by these means can crime be prevented, and the State can be made a better place.

of the place are known, there have been many attempts of late to get out of the "jug." Cockery, the well-known desperado, has had to be let out, because of several attempts to break jail. A concerted attempt made lately, it is believed, an extensive conspiracy existed among the prisoners to murder the keepers and fight their way out. We want a new prison, and it will not be long before we will have to have one. Our cockery "thug" is now in the "jug."

DODGER'S" EXPOSITIONS.

ness against the person, individuals, incorporation, companies, the city, the State and the General Government, is perhaps beyond belief. Offences against the person, unless an arrest is made, are unknown; against individuals they are usually punished with hush money. If against incorporation, companies, they generally end, like the case

... in a civil suit, which suits the various
... Jenkinses, for then, as long as they have
... they get along with their imprisonment
... pleasantly in Ludlow street jail, passing the
... resting on partridges and champagne, while
... their leisure hours, playing cards or billiards.
... in-doors with out-door amusements, out-

However, is rather expensive, as it costs \$10 a day's excursion outside the precincts of the city they must have for their laquay, a deputy of offences against the city, they are never ; they are only shrewd financial affairs. For this, it is said that the city has contracted for the selling of Hamilton Park to make a military

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